

New Law Requires AED Effective Jan 1

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A new law in Illinois will require all dental offices that provide anesthesia and sedation to have an AED on premise effective January 1, 2010. Governor Quinn has signed HB 921, now Public Act 96-078. The measure requires all dental offices to develop and implement an emergency medical plan, and dentists with permits A and B must have at least one Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on site at all times.

The law states:

(225 ILCS 25/44.5 new)

Sec. 44.5. Emergency medical plan; AED.

(a) Each dental office in this State must develop and implement a written emergency medical plan, which shall include staff responsibilities and office protocol for emergency procedures.

(b) All dental offices that administer anesthesia or sedation, as set forth in Section 8.1 of this Act, must contain at least one automated external defibrillator (AED) on the premises at all times.

(c) The owner of a dental office is responsible for complying with the requirements of this Section.

The Section 8.1 that is referred to is for permits:

Sec. 8.1. Permit for the administration of anesthesia and sedation.

(a) No licensed dentist shall administer general anesthesia, deep sedation, or conscious sedation without first applying for and obtaining a permit for such purpose from the Department. The Department shall issue such permit only after ascertaining that the applicant possesses the minimum qualifications necessary to protect public safety. A person with a dental degree who administers anesthesia, deep sedation, or conscious sedation in an approved hospital training program under the supervision of either a licensed dentist holding such permit or a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches shall not be required to obtain such permit.

AEDs are only required for those dentists that hold permit A or B.